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FOR ASST. SECRETARY THOMAS FROM EXEC. COUNSELOR CALDERHEAD

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MEMBERS OF APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE MEXICO CITY

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1. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CODEL SLACK VISIT TO
MEXICO CITY BEING ARRANGED ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

2. UPON ARRIVAL OF SPECIAL AIRCRAFT AT BENITO JUAREZ
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, THE PILOT WILL BE DIRECTED TO PARK
PLANE INSIDE RESTRICTED AREA KNOWN AS "NEW CUSTOMS RAMP"
WHERE IT WILL REMAIN OVER WEEKEND WITH GUARD FACILITIES
ARRANGED BY AIR ATTACHE. CODEL BUS, EMBASSY BAGGAGE
TRUCK AND SUPPORT VEHICLES WILL BE INSIDE THE CUSTOMS
AREA AND PULL ALONGSIDE THE PLANE FOR UNLOADING OPERATIONS.

3. CONFERENCE OFFICER DAVID PATON WILL TAKE PASSPORTS/TRAVEL
DOCUMENTATION FROM FRAN HESS AND ARRANGE GROUP CLEARANCE
THROUGH IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS.

4. CONTROL OFFICER CALDERHEAD AND CONFERENCE OFFICER
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PATON WILL ACCOMPANY ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARTY ON THE BUS
FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL MARIA ISABEL SHERATON.

5. FIVE DOUBLES AND 13 SINGLE ROOMS HAVE BEEN RESERVED.
EMBASSY ANTICIPATES HAVING ROOM NUMBERS BY MID-MORNING
FEB. 18 AND WILL PRE-REGISTER ALL MEMBERS. BAGGAGE
HANDLING TEAM PREPARING TAGS CONTAINING NAMES PARTY

MEMBERS AND THEIR ROOM NUMBERS AND WILL AFFIX THEM TO BAGGAGE AS IT IS OFF-LOADED. THE BAGGAGE TRUCK WILL FOLLOW AND IS EXPECTED TO BE ONLY MINUTES BEHIND THE BUS. EMBASSY STAFF MEMBERS WILL DISTRIBUTE THE BAGGAGE TO ALL ROOMS.

6. CONTROL ROOM, LINKED TO EMBASSY SWITCHBOARD BY DIRECT EXTENSIONS, WILL BEGIN FUNCTIONING 12 NOON FEB.
18. CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS AND STAFFDELS WILL BE GIVEN THEIR FT FUNDS AT THE CONTROL ROOM WHERE EMBASSY CASHIER WILL EXCHANGE DOLLARS FOR PESOS AND VICE VERSA. A VARIETY OF INFORMATION SHEETS COVERING AGENDA, SHOPPING, SIGHTSEEING, CULTURAL EVENTS, CHURCHES, BEAUTY PARLORS, ETC. WILL BE AVAILABLE. USEFUL ACCESSORIES AND SUPPLIES WILL BE ON HAND.

7. ON MONDAY, FEB. 21 EMBASSY PLANS BAGGAGE PICK-UP AT 0845, WITH ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARTY TO DEPART THE HOTEL BY BUS AT 0915. TAKE-OFF IS SCHEDULED FOR 1000 A.M.

8. ON THOSE OCCASIONS WHEN ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARTY WILL BE MOVING TOGETHER(I.E. AIRPORT TO HOTEL, HOTEL TO FRIDAY EVENING RECEPTION, HOTEL TO AIRPORT) 40- PASSENGER BUS WILL BE USED. ON EACH OCCASION EMBASSY PERSONNEL WILL BE ABOARD AS ESCORT AND INFORMATION OFFICERS.

9. OTHERWISE, TRANSPORTATION WITHIN THE CITY WILL BE PROVIDED BY EMBASSY CARS, ALL OF WHICH ARE RADIO-LINKED TO THE EMBASSY'S CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS NET.
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10. AN EARLY INDICATION IS REQUESTED AS TO:
(A) HOW MANY MEMBERS WISH TO ATTEND THE 0930 TO 1145 SUNDAY MORNING OR 2100 TO 2300 SUNDAY EVENING BALLET FOLKLORICO PERFORMANCE. TICKETS ARE DOLS 7 PER PERSON.
(B) HOW MANY PLAN VISIT SATURDAY BAZAR AND HAVE LUNCH AT SAN ANGEL INN.
(C) HOW MANY DESIRE TICKETS FOR THE BULLFIGHTS ON SUNDAY BEGINNING AT 1600 AND ENDING APPROX. 1830 HRS.
(D) HOW MANY WISH ON SUNDAY TO TAKE THE AFTERNOON TRIP TO CUERNAVACA(RESERVATIONS AT LAS MANANITAS NECESSARY) OR THE SUNDAY AFTERNOON TRIP TO THE TEOTIHUACAN PYRAMIDS.
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